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Human Rights Commission Names New Special Assistant to the Executive Director

Susannah Taylor has joined the Tennessee Human Rights Commission as the Special Assistant to the Executive Director.

At the THRC, her duties will include working closely with the Executive Director to fulfill the mission of the Commission. She will specifically be responsible for managing the agency's education and outreach program for the Commission. Ms. Taylor graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, with a bachelor's degree in Business Management.

"We are pleased to have Susannah's experience and knowledge in program management and grants administration on our staff. She will be an excellent addition to our Executive Staff as we work to safeguard individuals from discrimination through enforcement and education," said Executive Director Beverly Watts.

For the last two years, she has worked as a Grant Coordinator in the Education Department for the Tennessee Aquarium. In that capacity, she was responsible for the execution of a three-year, 1.3 million dollar grant from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration to increase educational programs for all age groups through the Tennessee Aquarium's Education Department. She also served as a Development Associate, where she worked on a team to create publications, plan and execute fundraising and donor events and prepare grant proposal for local, regional and national foundations.

The Commission is an independent state agency responsible for enforcing the Tennessee Human Rights Act and the Tennessee Disability Act which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, national origin, gender, age (40 and over), creed, religion, disability and retaliation in housing, employment and public accommodations. To report discrimination or to receive additional information about the agency, please call: 1-800-251-3589 or visit the agency's website at www.tn.gov/humanrights.

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